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REFS: A. NATO 3408 DTG 161230Z JUN 76
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B. STATE 243538 DTG 011349Z OCT 76
C. STATE 256482 DTG 152338Z OCT 76
D. NATO 6789 DTG 1015482 DEC 76

E. MILSTAM (INT)-231-76, DATA ON WARSAW PACT GROUND
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DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

1. WE JOINED ALLIED CONSENSUS EXPRESSED IN REF A TO RETAIN THE BLUE BOOK CONCEPT PROVIDING THAT IT WAS SHIFTED OUT OF THE MBFR ARENA AND THAT THERE BE A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE LEVEL OF DETAILED REQUIRED (REF B).

2. WE ALSO TOOK THE POSITION IN REF B THAT BECAUSE OF THE TIME CONSUMING PROCESS OF OBTAINING NATO AGREED DATA WE WOULD OPPOSE ANY EXPANSION OF MC 224/MCM 86 CONFERENCE TO DEVELOP SUCH DATA AND IN THIS REGARD SUPPORTED THE WORKING GROUP IN ITS OPINION THAT REVISED BLUE BOOK DATA SHOULD NOT REQUIRE THE FORMAL NATO AGREED IMPRIMATUR.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION WE CAN NOT THEREFORE SUPPORT THE WORKING GROUP PROPOSAL (PARA 8 REF D) TO TURN THE BLUE BOOK INTO AN MC OR MCM DOCUMENT IF THIS WILL REQUIRE THE CONVENING OF AN INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE. WE BELIEVE THE OPTIMUM SOLUTION IS THE SUGGESTION MADE BY THE IMS STAFF (REF E) TO USE THE NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE (NFPDB) NOW BEING DEVELOPED AS THE MEDIUM FOR PROVIDING THE REQUIRED DATA. WE ARE CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING COMPUTERIZED US ESTIMATES AS SUGGESTED IN REF C ON WP FORCES OUTSIDE THE NGA VIA THE NFPDB.

4. WE HAVE NO STRONG PREFERENCE AS TO WHAT TYPE OF DOCUMENT CONTAINING COMPARABLE DATA ON NATO AND WP FORCES IS PUBLISHED AS LONG AS IT IS NO LONGER UNDER THE SECRET

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AUSPICES OF THE MBFR WORKING GROUP NOR REQUIRES THE CONVENING OF AN INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE.

5. WE CONTINUE TO PREFER THE DATA FORMAT SUGGESTED BY US IN REF C TO THAT PROPOSED IN PARA 10 AND THE ANNEX OF REF D. WE ARE PREPARED TO SHOW FLEXIBILITY IN THIS REGARD IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DEFINITIONS AND CATEGORIZATION WORK BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY THE FORCE DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS GROUP.
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